(*b*) if so, what action has the Government taken in the matter?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: (*a*) There has been some erosion but no damage to any building has been caused. Some cocoanut trees have been affected.

(*b*) It is the pattadar that should protect his land. The Government have not been called upon to do anything and have not done anything.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: എത്ര തെങ്ങ് വീണുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോകാണും.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ വല്ലതും പോയിട്ടില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾക്കൊന്നും യാതൊരുകേടും സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: സമാധാനം പറഞ്ഞു. എന്താണെന്ന മനസ്സിലായില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: ഇല്ലെന്നാണ് റിപ്പോർട്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: വസ്തു ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ആക്ഷേപം കിട്ടിട്ടില്ലെന്ന പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ. കിട്ടിയാൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുവാൻ ഗവൺമെന്റ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: കിട്ടുമ്പോൾ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇറോഷൻ കുറച്ചെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു ശരിയല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: കുറച്ചുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ആ സ്ഥിതിക്ക് എന്തെങ്കിലും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: അവനവന്റെ വസ്തുക്കളെ രക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതു് അതാതു പട്ടയദാരന്മാരുടെ ചുമതലയാണ്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it the position of the Government, Sir, that damage caused by erosion also has to be protected by the pattadars.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: That depends upon the nature of the erosion. This is a small canal where on account of something some trees on the brink have fallen down.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: പട്ടയദാരന്മാരുടെ ചുമതലയായതുകൊണ്ട് ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടതില്ല എന്നല്ലേ? പിന്നെ ഗവൺമെന്റ് ആലോചിക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതിന്റെ അർത്ഥമെന്താണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: വലിയ നഷ്ടങ്ങൾ സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ നോക്കാമെന്നതിനു അർത്ഥമുള്ളൂ. നിസ്സാരമായിട്ടുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ ഗവൺമെന്റ് നോക്കേണ്ടതില്ലെന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഗവൺമെന്റിൽനിന്നുണ്ടാക്കിട്ടുള്ള തോടുപൊട്ടി മറ്റുള്ളവരുടെ കൃഷി മുങ്ങിപ്പോയാൽ അതിന്റെ നഷ്ടം ഗവൺമെന്റ് സഹിക്കുമോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: This is an hypothetical question. This is not a canal constructed by the Government and it is not on account of the way in which the canal is constructed that any erosion has taken place.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will not the land revenue be reduced?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No, no.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will not the land revenue be reduced in the case of such erosions which the Pattadar is not able to prevent?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: This is not a case of that type.

JAGGERY—CONTROL OF

255. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did jaggery come under Government control;

(*b*) has the Government taken stock of the same with various merchants in the State previously to controlling it and has the Government stopped its sale by publication;

(*c*) if so, what is the No. of the Gazette publication with date;

(*d*) has this Control led to any loss to various merchants?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Jaggery came under Government Control on 1st Thulam 1118 (17th October 1942). The control then was only with regard to exports. On 30th Makaram 1119.(12th February 1944) the Gur Control Order on the lines of the Government of India Order was promulgated. This Order conferred wider powers on the Director of Food Supplies, and under it he has, from time to time, issued notifications controlling the price of jaggery. A notification restricting import of jaggery was published in the Gazette, dated 12th Thulam 1120 (28th October 1944).

(*b*) Government had not ascertained the stock that the merchants had with them. There was no need to do so, for Cochin is a deficit area in jaggery, and, when the Madras Province and Travancore restricted exports, Cochin too had to adopt control measures, in order to conserve the little stock it had and to ensure an equitable distribution to the consumers.

Government have not stopped the sale of jaggery by merchants. But, in August 1944, they were forced to restrict imports. The circumstances which led them to do so were as follows.— For the year 1944, Cochin had been allowed a quota of 7,000 tons of jaggery from Madras. The purchase and distribution of this quantity were strictly under Government Control. In August 1944, the Madras Government without consulting this Government suddenly changed their system of exports, and began to issue export permits to private merchants. Import of large quantities of jaggery then by private merchants would have completely upset the control schemes of Government. The Director of Food Supplies, therefore issued an Order on 29th August 1944 freezing the stocks that private merchants were importing a few weeks later, a notification restricting import of jaggery was issued by Government. This notification was published in the Gazette dated 12th Thulam 1120 (28th October 1944).

(*c*) Please see answers to (*a*) and (*b*).

(*d*) Government have no information on the point.

NETTUR-PANANGAD ROAD

256. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the progress made in the construction of Nettur Panangad road in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.

(*b*) has the Government any idea of metalling the road;

(*c*) when will the work be completed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: (*a*) The work has been almost completed.

(*b*) The present estimate is only for forming an earthen road.

(*c*) Please see answer to (*a*)

KALLETTUMKARA—THAZHEKAT ROAD

257. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state what progress has been made in the construction of the road from Kallettumkara to Thazhakat Village?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The land acquisition papers of the sites required for opening this road are under preparation.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda)* Will the work be finished before the next session?

Mr. V. K.Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In Meenam? No.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* The land acquisition at least?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is possible that it may be completed.

FOOD SUPPLY DEPARTMENT—AUDIT OF

258. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the audit of the accounts of the Food Supply Department is completed; if not how far it has progressed; will a copy of the audited account and their report be placed on the table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, for 1118. A copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts is placed on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* The balance sheet was placed on the table only just now. So I had no time to study the whole thing.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It was published in the Gazette also.

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